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Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan:—"May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister does not think that the hospital has to serve a vast area and that it is not adequate to meet the needs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"I have said, Sir, in answer to (b) that any scheme for the improvement of this hospital must take its place with reference to the claims of other hospitals in the city and the mufassal for expansion."

Alleged disparity in teaching allowances to men lecturers and women lecturers and its reasons.

*877 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that men lecturers in the Rayapuram Medical School receive a teaching allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem, while the women lecturers in the Lady Willingdon Medical School, Madras, possessing the same qualifications, are given only an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this differentiation?

A.—(a) & (b) The same rate of special pay (including teaching allowance) has now been sanctioned for the women lecturers in the Lady Willingdon Medical School for Women, Madras, as for the men lecturers in the Rayapuram Medical School.

Proposed extension of the Government Headquarters Hospital, Calicut.

*878 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have come to any and, if so, what conclusion regarding the acquisition of Mission lands and buildings in Calicut for the extension of the local Government Headquarters Hospital;

(b) whether the Government are aware—

(1) that the proposed acquisition will lead practically to the abolition of the Mission Girls' High School and the Boarding House attached to it and the Mission Women and Children's Hospital;

(2) that the Government themselves gave the Mission a grant of Rs. 10,000, so recently as 1925, for the construction of the Women and Children's Hospital;

(3) that the Mission Women and Children's Hospital is a real necessity in Calicut and serves to remove the congestion in the Government hospital;

(4) that the properties proposed to be acquired have been in the possession of the Mission for more than 90 years and that the Mission has several sacred associations connected with them;

(5) that the Girls' High School buildings and the Boarding House have been used by the Mission for educational purposes for more than 60 years;

(6) that the Government Headquarters Hospital, if extended to the lands proposed to be acquired, will seriously interfere with worship in the Mission church;

(7) that there was a proposal to acquire the property in question in 1920-21 and that it was given up in consequence of the objections raised by the Mission then; and

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(8) that there are lands to the east of the Government hospital, which could be conveniently acquired for its proposed extension ; and

(c) whether, having regard to the injury that will be caused to the Mission by the proposed acquisition, the Government intend giving up the proposal ?

A.—The question of acquiring certain Mission buildings in Calicut for the extension of the Headquarter hospital is still under the consideration of the Government.

Report of the British Social Hygiene Council Delegation.

*879 *Q.*—Mrs. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the British Social Hygiene Council Delegation has been received by the Local Government, and if so, when ;

(*b*) when the Government propose to publish the report for the information of the public ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report sent to the Local Government by British Social Hygiene Council Delegation ?

A.—(*a*) The report was received on the 5th September 1927.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question of publishing the report and of placing a copy of it on the Council table will be considered by the Government.

Recruitment of Civil Assistant Surgeons.

*880 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have arrived at any decision with regard to the holding of competitive examinations for recruitment of Civil Assistant Surgeons ;

(*b*) whether any persons without the war service have been employed after the competitive examinations have been held in abeyance in 1918 ;

(*c*) if so, how many ;

(*d*) whether there are any special reasons for adopting this course ;

(*e*) what they are ; and

(*f*) whether there are any more men who have rendered war services and not been provided with appointments ?

A.—(*a*) Yes. Copies of G.O. No. 975, P.H., dated 16th May 1927, and G.O. No. 1291, P.H., dated 27th June 1927, on the subject are laid on the table.[a]

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Twenty.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 518–520 infra.